The Government has examined the report of the Committee and has sent a copy to the Central Bureau of Investigation. The case was also handed over to the Central Bureau of Investigation by the State Government *vide* their notification dated, 9/1/2007 for further investigation.

Fencing in J&K

958. SHRI T.S. BAJWA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to protect fencing on the extreme border, in J&K, which is generally under threat from the other side;

(b) whether there is any proposal to remove the border fencing which is upto five kms. inside the border, so as to shift the same to the extreme end of the border so that the land so reclaimed can be used by the owners; and

(c) if so, the details thereof in both the cases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) The International Border in Jammu region is guarded by Border Security Force. Appropriate measures like patrolling, nakas, night vision devices etc. are in place to ensure that infiltration does not take place by damaging the fence. The fence is also maintained/repaired by the concerned agencies of the Government.

(b) and (c) The Security Fence on Jammu International Border is generally at a distance of 150—500 mtr. from International Border with provisions for gates at appropriate distance to facilitate the farmers to go ahead of fencing for cultivation of their land. However, BSF has mooted a proposal to shift a stretch of 38.015 km fence erected at a distance varying from 400 mtr to 1.5 km away from the International border to bring it closer to the International border.

Training of Police Forces for taking Naxalism

959. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that police forces in Naxlite affected States are generally illequipped and ill-trained to successfully combat the threat; and